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1. It was observed during the celebrations of Sea Day (Dzien Morza) in Gdynia, that during the march past Bierut, who took the salute, only a few groups chanted "Bierut - Bierut" when passing the saluting point.
2. Earlier on the same day, Bierut and numerous regime dignitaries attended a public performance of the Polish Army Song and Dance Ensemble in the Plac Grunwaldzki in Gdynia. After the performance was over, an officer of the Polish Navy made a short speech which ended in a cheer in honor of Bierut. The large crowd, which had been assembled under compulsion, did not take up the cry, and after an awkward silence the situation was only saved by the Army Song and Dance Ensemble which started cheering. An eye-witness standing near a group of naval officers and enlisted men noted that none of the group joined in the cheering. Shortly afterwards, the crowd began to disperse rapidly, fearing reprisals for such a blatant demonstration of hostility.
3. Early in July 1953 workers on a number of building sites in Warsaw began an "Italian strike" (consisting of reporting for work but refusing to work), on the grounds that they did not have enough strength to work, having inadequate food. The strike was put down by the promise of increases in wages and a reduction of norms. [redacted] the strike was provoked by the Berlin riots. 50X1-HUM
4. [redacted] it was proposed to introduce food rationing, the rationed food remaining at existing prices, while free market prices were to be increased 100 percent. After the Berlin riots, fearing similar repercussions in Poland, the authorities decided not to introduce the rationing. 50X1-HUM
5. In order to reduce the congestion in prisons and labor camps, the authorities introduced in the middle of July 1953, a "quiet amnesty" applicable to minor offenders convicted for petty misdemeanors and injuring State property. The amnesty was also applied to a certain, though very minor, extent to political prisoners.

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